

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Director's Meeting minutes of November 7, 2011.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of November 7, 2011.

**II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES**

1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook
2. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll
3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook
4. Board of Health Meeting - Emery
5. Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - TBA**

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - TBA**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Correction to the 2012 Calendar for Veteran's Day.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

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| <b>1. Chamber Ribbon Cutting for CVS Pharmacy</b><br><b>5611 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street</b><br><b>RSVP: Kathy Hale <a href="mailto:khale@lcoc.com">khale@lcoc.com</a></b>         | <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>November 16, 2011</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b>                                     |
| <b>2. Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Curves</b><br><b>3201 Pioneers Blvd., Suite 35</b><br><b>RSVP: Kathy Hale <a href="mailto:khale@lcoc.com">khale@lcoc.com</a></b>                | <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>November 22, 2011</b><br><b>1:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>3. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK "Freedom Breakfast"</b><br><b>Embassy Suites, 1040 P Street</b><br><b>RSVP: Ticket Order Form \$20/Person</b><br><b>Before December 2, 2011</b> | <b>Friday</b><br><b>January 13, 2012</b><br><b>7:00 a.m. Doors Open</b><br><b>7:30 a.m. Breakfast</b> |

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

**Present:** Gene Carroll, Chair; DiAnna Schimek; Jon Camp; Carl Eskridge; and Jonathan Cook

**Absent:** Doug Emery; and Adam Hornung, Vice Chair

**Others:** Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Trish Owen, Deputy Chief of Staff; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:27 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Director's Meeting minutes of November 7, 2011.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of November 7, 2011.

The above minutes were approved by accumulation.

**II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES**

**1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Carroll, Cook**

Cook stated the first floor, common space, of 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> will be a public art venue. There will be a committee consisting of members from the PBC and the Mayor's office, who will receive artist's applications. Those picked will display their art for three months, with the First Friday art walk in the building, and art for sale. Originally was to be at 575 S. 10<sup>th</sup>, but moved to the County-City Building.

Cook added that Honeybaked Ham will come back to the deli after Thanksgiving on Wednesdays.

Cook stated they have to decide on vending machine choices. Jane Raybould is pushing for healthier foods/snacks. But vending is in the City and County merchandising plan. Hoppe commented they will meet tomorrow to discuss moving with the PBC and the County discussing healthy choices, cost of products. Cook added now every entity has their own vending, such as Parks, PBC, and the County.

Cook stated the Building Donations Policy did approve people not being able to bring in furniture and leave it. One has to have permission by the Building Administrator.

The City is going to a bi-annual budget which will impact the PBC when determining rents for a two year period. Did approve the Nebraska College of Law courtrooms use on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Cook stated there was a fire at the Health Department due to small batteries being placed together, burning a storage room. The sprinklers put out, with sprinklers only coming on in the one room as these sprinkler systems were retrofitted with sprinkler heads which activate on actual heat from fire, not smoke. The old system was activated by smoke, and would have drifted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, causing damage. This damage was limited to under \$60,000. The PBC was specifically thanked for spending the \$40,000 to retrofit the system.

**2. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Carroll**

Carroll stated with the City's going to a bi-annual budget, but not the County, it makes more difficult for I.S. to arrive at their budget. Carroll added they also discussed internet traffic, having a large

traffic volume that our employees use which is creating a problem with how much internet service we have. Would include U Tube, Facebook, and others. Thinking of restricting city employees from certain applications to reduce the internet traffic.

Carroll commented VOIP is down to six companies, which will be reduced to one company by January 1, 2012. I.S. is now working on a test with the State of Nebraska mainframe, to make sure our system will run on their mainframe. If it does we can go forward as far as lowering our cost on mainframe price. Camp asked if our settlement with Windstream has any effect on VOIP? Carroll replied in the agreement they are allowed to bid and are one of the finalists.

### **3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook**

Cook stated they received a presentation by the Health Department on potential smoke free areas in parks and recreation facilities. Possibly ordinance changes or simply parks policies where we put up signs and ask people not to smoke in certain areas, 90% of what we want. Most people won't smoke if there is a sign. Will investigate complaints of people smoking around playgrounds, etc., and see where there may be problem areas and if a policy would make sense.

Cook added they discussed the vending machines marketing plan. Of importance to the Parks Board, with a motion passed, saying the Parks Department should only participate if it does not reduce revenue. The Parks Department has good vending deals, and want to make sure the revenue received from vending will continue to come to the Parks Department. If, as a result of restructuring, it goes into the General Fund it would not be beneficial to Parks. The Parks Board fought for years to get the cell tower money for towers placed in parks, which is our maintenance money.

Cook stated a checkoff will be started on the water bill. Now we have the \$1 checkoff for Lincoln Cares, on the electric bill. There will be a checkoff called Two for Trees, on the water bill. Two as water bills come bi-monthly. Lincoln Cares has been successful and this is a nice addition to help in our tree planting.

Cook said they also discussed public forums in parks and right of ways. We've had the discussion regarding Centennial Mall.

### **4. Board of Health Meeting - Emery**

Councilman Emery absent.

### **5. Multicultural Advisory Committee - Eskridge**

Eskridge stated they received applications for a new director, with a large number of applications, and six finalists. Some were local, Lincoln and Omaha areas, others from further away. They will be interviewing this month, into next month. Eskridge added there were interesting comments made about Multicultural issues and how people look at things differently. He stated there are a couple issues the Mayor's office should be aware of. This position does not offer benefits or health, and heard concerns. Also, questions in terms of accountability.

## **III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Pearce distributed Boards and Commissions Update, with appointments and candidates listed.

## **IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**1. Correction to the 2012 Calendar for Veteran's Day**

Cook stated regarding the 2012 Council calendar we never take Veterans Day off unless it falls on Monday. The calendars being checked did not say that Veterans Day will be observed on Monday, and City government will be closed on November 12, 2012. Need to adjust our 2012 calendar.

**Motion:** Cook moved to accept the 2012 Calendar with the addition of the Veteran's Day holiday on November 12, 2012. Schimek seconded. Roll: Carroll, Camp, Cook, Eskridge, and Schimek voted aye. 5-0.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

None

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation sheet.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.